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SUBJECT: LAO CONDOLENCES ON DEATH OF CHAIRMAN MAO

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1. LAO PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY VERNACULAR PAPER "VOICE OF PEOPLE" SEPTEMBER 11 CARRIED FRONT PAGE TELEGRAM OF CONDOLENCE DATED SEPTEMBER 10 FROM PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL AND PRIME MINISTER PHOMVIHANE, PRESIDENT SOUPHANOUVONG, AND FOREIGN MINISTER PHOUKE SIPRASEUTH TO CHINESE LEADERS ON OCCASION OF MAO'S DEATH. TELEGRAM ALSO BROADCAST ON LAO NATIONAL RADIO.

2. MESSAGE SAID DEATH OF MAO WAS LOSS OF CLOSE FRIEND WHO HAD JOINED IN BATTLE AND CONTINUALLY SUPPORTED AND AIDED LAO REVOLUTION. LAO PEOPLE WOULD WELL REMEMBER HIS GOODNESS

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FOREVER. BUT EVEN THOUGH MAO HAD PASSED AWAY, LAO WERE SURE THAT

FRATERNAL FRIENDSHIP AND MILITANT UNITY BETWEEN LAO AND CHINESE PARTIES AND PEOPLES WHICH HAD EXISTED FROM ANCIENT TIMES WOULD CONTINUE AND INCREASE REGULARLY. MESSAGE ENDED BY EXPRESSING HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO COMRAD CHIANG CHING AND FAMILY.

3. PARTY PAPER ALSO CARRIED FRONT PAGE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM NCNA OF FUNERAL CEREMONIES WITH BLACK BORDERED PICTURE OF MAO.

4. AFTERNOON VERNACULAR PAPER "VIENTIANE MAI" DATED SEPTEMBER 10 WHICH EMBASSY RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 11 CARRIED FRONT

PAGE LEAD NEWS ARTICLE FROM PEKING REPORTING ANNOUNCEMENT OF MAO'S DEATH.

5. COMMENT: NOTE THAT WHILE SECRETARY GENERAL KAYSONE REPORTED AS FIRST SIGNATORY OF CONDOLENCE MESSAGE, HE IS ACTUALLY IN CUBA AT THIS TIME.
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